

SNOW STORM ONE OF MOST PECULIAR THAT FELL HERE

The snow storm last night was one of the most peculiar that have ever been experienced in this locality. Instead of coming down in fluffy flakes, as it did the night before, the snow resembled No. 8 bird shot and the high wind gave it such velocity that it seemed almost like a bombardment.

The storm continued practically all night, and this morning there was in the neighborhood of two inches of crystal shrapnel on the ground. Later in the evening the weather moderated and a little rain fell. This froze and a heavy crust was formed, which easily bore the weight of the human body.

Last night's phenomenon is explained by the following theory: The conditions necessary were a moderation of the temperature to about the freezing point, a warm upper current of air and a cold lower current.

The condensation, of course, takes place in the clouds and form rain. Ordinarily it would be cold enough to crystallize the water and form snow, but the warm upper current prevented this, and the precipitation took the form of rain until it reached the lower strata of cold air, where it was immediately frozen into icy pellets.

It is the theory that the driving wind is responsible for the fact that the size of the pellets was not larger. The wind split them into smaller pieces and they fell in fairly uniform size.

The formation of these little ice balls is not unlike the formation of hail, which, in descending and ascending through alternating strata of cold and warm air, receives first a coat of moisture and then a coat of ice, giving it the onion like formation which characterizes it.

HOTCHKISS OPPOSING FRANCHISE

Men Close to Situation Declare That Hotchkiss Interests Want South Shore Out of the Way, But May Affect Compromise.

It is declared that the hidden opposition to the new franchise of the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend Electric railway lies with C. W. Hotchkiss of the Chicago, Indiana & Southern Indiana Harbor Belt railroads.

This opposition is due to the fact that the interests which Mr. Hotchkiss represents is desirous of developing for industrial purposes the territory which lies east of Columbia avenue, south of the Calumet river and north of the Michigan Central tracks.

If F. J. Lewis Meyer, the representative of the South Shore route, should be granted a franchise along Indiana avenue to a point north of the Gibson yards and thence in an easterly direction along the township line, it would cut in two the territory that Mr. Hotchkiss and others expect to see used for manufacturing sites.

World Save Factory Sites.

While it is understood that Mr. Hotchkiss has a very laudable plan for opening up a large territory for manufacturing sites, it is hoped by the people of Hammond that he can be prevailed upon to see the advantage to Hammond and the region in general of having this territory provided with a great interurban line which would make a bee line to Gary.

A Hammond business man, who is very much interested in seeing Mr. Hotchkiss' plans carried out and who also believes that Hammond ought not to the opportunity of having the main line of the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend railroad extended through Hammond, said today, "I am in hopes that the Hammond city administration and the South Shore people get together on some sort of a compromise."

"There is no question that Hotchkiss is right in his contention that the granting of a franchise along the route that the South Shore route desires to take will cut some valuable factory sites in two, and I am in hope that some sort of a compromise will be reached by which the interurban people can be persuaded to take a more southerly route, hugging the Michigan Central railroad to a point near Gibson, where a bee line route could be taken to the main line of the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend line, north of Ivanhoe."

The Hammond man went on to state that he of the opinion that Mr. Hotchkiss is too public-spirited to attempt to thwart a plan for the building of the south route of the South Shore line when it will mean so much to Hammond and the other cities of the region.

BUSINESS CIRCLES ARE SURPRISED

McAvoy Brewing Co. Said to Have Turned Lease to M. Wolf.

It is now understood that Mat Boney is not to have the McAvoy Brewing company's lease of the Sibley street store in the new Tupper block. Mat Boney has been of the opinion all along that he was to have this location, and it is now apparent that he has been frozen out.

The McAvoy Brewing company will turn the lease over to Walter Wolf, the son of Peter Wolf, who, with Fred Smith, a nephew of Peter Wolf, will run the place.

It is understood that the proprietors of the new saloon will have it furnished with the best fixtures that can be secured, and that it will be one of the finest places in the city.

CLUB WILL GIVE DANCE ON FRIDAY

The University club of Hammond will give a dance at the Masonic temple next Friday, Jan. 7. The committee on arrangements has made all of the preparations and the affair promises to be a very enjoyable one.

R. Scott Galer has charge of the music, and the committee is composed of John Gaffney, chairman; F. D. McElroy, Charles Albert Smith and C. C. Deming.

It is the purpose of the members to hold these club dances more frequently, and it is possible that several others will be given during the winter social season.

The dance is confined to club members and no invitations will be issued to others than club members. It was proposed to have a New Year's dance, but the available halls in the city were closed for some time, and it was finally decided to defer the holding of the dance until the following week.

TO-NIGHT IS FIRST OF SERIES

Tonight is the occasion of the opening of the season of the Intercity Basketball League series. In view of the fact that Hammond is an important member in this league the games this winter will be very interesting.

The league is divided into two divisions. The first division is composed of the heavy weight players and the second division the light weights. All of the teams represented in the league are members of the American Athletic Union.

The Hammond A. A., the Hull House A. C., and the White Eagles, all have representative teams in both divisions and the Illinois Athletic Club, the First Regiment and the Central Turner's Athletic club are in the first division only. The Battery B, the Hyde Park and the Mercury Athletic clubs are all represented in the light weight division only.

The game tonight will be between the Hammond Athletic association, Junior team and the Hyde Park Athletic club's team.

COUNTY SPELLING CONTEST

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 5.—Arrangements and preparations are being made to launch the spelling contest idea upon the schools of the county, the account of which was given exclusively in these columns some time ago. Prizes and medals will be awarded to the various grades, schools and high schools winning in the progressive competition. The grand finale, which will take place some time in April, when the best school teams will compete, for orthographical honors, is expected to vie with the county oratorical contest in popularity. The principle reason for the interest taken in the new, or old idea, recently revived by the board of education, is to create a better class of spellers, the grammar grades of the county than has been turned out in the past, and the spelling contest idea has been created for this purpose alone.

Printer Is Fined.

Joseph Moran, a printer employed in a local plant but living at Sixty-third and Drexel in Chicago, was fined one dollar and cost this morning by Judge Barnett in the city court. He paid five dollars the balance being stayed until next Tuesday.

TRUST COMPANY ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

All Directors of Hammond Savings & Trust Co. Are Re-Elected.

Stockholders of the Hammond Savings & Trust company held their annual meeting last night for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year. All the directors were re-elected, and they in turn re-elected the old officers.

The finances of the bank were found to be in excellent condition, and the bank hopes that within a few months it will be installed in its new home in the building, occupied by Mat Boney's saloon, north of the Hammond building.

Following are the officers and directors of the Hammond Savings & Trust company:

President—Adam R. Ebert.
Vice president—R. R. Mott.
Vice president—F. Richard Schaaf.
Secretary-treasurer—Frank Hammond.
Cashier—Walter Hammond.

These are also on the board of directors, in addition to Dr. H. E. Sharner and August E. Jarnecke.

YEN KING LIM CO. PLAYS HOST TO SCORE

Hammond Men Partake of One of Finest Meals They Ever Ate.

An American bill of fare interspersed with the rarest of Chinese dishes was the offering to the invited guests at the new Chop Suey Cafe which was opened on State street last night.

The score of more of guests who were present say that they had one of the finest meals they ever ate last night. There was everything on the bill of fare from turkey to bird's nest soup and it was all relished by those present.

It is understood that the new place is to be managed by Sam Englehart who will have charge of the dining room. An effort will be made to keep out the drunks and the rowdy element and Yen King Lim the proprietor expects to keep it so orderly that women unaccompanied will not be afraid to take their meals there.

The new cafe is beautifully decorated with Chinese embroidery work and is one of the show places of the city.

HAMMOND MEDICS ELECT OFFICERS

Spirited Campaign Results in Another Victory for Older Practitioners.

DR. HOWAT ELECTED PRES.

Dr. J. A. Graham Headed the Opposition Ticket, Object of New Society.

The Hammond Medical society met in the rooms of the University club, in the Hammond building, last evening and organized. The election was a victory for the older practitioners of the city as opposed to the younger doctors, but after it had been decided there was the best of feeling prevailing.

The following officers were elected: Dr. W. F. Howat, president; Dr. F. H. Fox, vice president; Dr. H. J. White, secretary, and the board of censors elected is composed of Dr. William D. Weis, Dr. Eleanor Scull and Dr. T. W. Oberlin. The executive committee which was appointed by the president is composed of Dr. A. A. Hoffman, Dr. Alva A. Young and Dr. E. M. Shanklin.

The opposition ticket was as follows: Dr. J. A. Graham, president; Dr. George E. Miller, vice president, and Dr. W. A. Buchanan, vice president. The board of censors included Dr. Henry G. Mera, Dr. H. C. Groman and Dr. Harry B. Haywood.

It is said to be the purpose of the organization to promote the social and professional good of the physicians of Hammond. There are twenty-three active members in the society and it has not been organized for the purpose of making up blacklists of non-paying patients, although this subject will doubtless be taken up by the organization in the near future.

FIGHT OCCURS AT CONVENTION

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fearing to intrude on what is considered outside of Lake county as Ed Simon's bailiwick.

James K. Risk of Lafayette, the present district chairman, will not be a candidate for re-nomination. On account of the fact that Mr. Risk opposed Mr. Durkan, Lafayette's mayor, in his race at the last election, he occupies about the same position in the party as does Ed Simon of Hammond. Risk is taking no part in the fight whatever.

The south end district delegates were

STATE WILL PAY

Times' Bureau

at State Capital.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 5.—Gov. T. R. Marshall today notified Sheriff Thos. Grant of Lake County at Crown Point that the State of Indiana will pay the expense of employing deputies to prevent pool-selling at Dearborn Park and instructed the sheriff to employ all deputies necessary and keep men on guard at place to prevent gambling.

slow in arriving. Twenty-four Lafayette and six from Jasper county came up on the 11:11 Monon. The senatorial delegation was led by Hon. Ed. Honan, who traveled through Indiana with W. J. Bryan on a special train in the notable campaign of 1908.

From Crown Point, those stalwart democrats, Peter Hein, Thomas McCoy, formerly county treasurer, and Henry Aulwurm, the banker, put in an appearance. They are all strong Simon men, and are counted as the Hammond man's firmest supporters.

The 11:19 Gary & Western suburban brought sixty-eight democrats from Gary under the leadership of the redoubtable Tom Englehart, who blew himself for a dinner for the entire party at the Hotel Majestic. Covers were laid for seventy and the Gary man was the observed of all observers for his hospitality.

MANY FROM GARY.

The Gary delegates included T. E. Knotts, T. W. Englehart and M. N. Castleman. Alternates—O. L. Wildermuth, J. M. McBride and T. Bloom. Those from Tolleston were: August Benhke, delegate, and Walter Gibson, alternate.

Others from Gary were: Carl J. Cooper, Joseph D. Martin, Richard Winkler, Joe Morris, Phillips Mikatursky, W. S. Feuer, Jake Lazovich, Morris Goldman, A. D. Miltner, James Rogers, O. Schmidt, John Powers, Harvey J. Curtis, Joseph Feeley, Harry Moore, Robert E. O'Conner, Cortina, Brillemyer, Baxter and Piper.

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DISTRICT BADLY SPLIT.

Pre-convention gossip developed the fact that the fight was between the north and south ends of the district, with bad spite and factional fights. The north end, of course, is badly split up. It is doubted that there will be a candidate from Lake county unless he can get the entire delegate strength. This was impossible. Simon would not allow his name to go before the convention unless he could get the united Lake county support. The fight may result in J. B. Faulkner of Michigan City being a candidate on a compromise ticket and represent the north end as against Murphy of the south end. The latter will get the south counties' united ballot, it is predicted, and as J. Kirby Risk of Lafayette, the district chairman, called the convention to order, it was freely predicted that Murphy will get the plan. It is learned that Murphy is strong with Mayor Knotts of Gary by reason of his association with the Gary man in the Indiana State Roads' association, being a co-official with him.

YOU HAVE TO HAND MEDAL TO MICHAEL

Hegewisch Plumber Rescues Corpulent Lady From Terrible Death.

'SAVE, OH SAVE MY FURNITURE'

Mike Is Overcome By Smoke But Recovers To Steal Battling Nelson's Laurels.

Michael Wilson, a Hegewisch plumber, is the hero of the town. Battling Nelson will have to step out of the limelight for a while and "hand it to Mike."

Last Monday (the news travels slowly in Hegewisch) a Polish family in Hegewisch was attempting to thaw out the water pipes when the building caught fire. It seems that the members of the family were too concerned getting out the furniture to think of their wives, and when Mike Wilson came along he discovered that there

were two women in the house who were at the point of suffocation.

Mike Didn't Hesitate.

Without a moment's hesitation he rushed into the house, and although the place was filled with smoke, he groped his way to one of the upper rooms, where he found the forms of two unconscious women.

The smoke was stifling, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the women were carried, one at a time, to a rear stairway and to the ground.

Mike Wilson is a little man, and one of the women was very large, not to say corpulent, and it is said to have been a very difficult task for Mike to carry her down the back stairs.

In Hegewisch the entire population of the city seems to be of the opinion that Mike Wilson is a hero, but the city is divided as to whether his heroism consisted of rushing into the burning building or carrying the portly woman down the stairs.

Mike Was Overcome.

The fact remains, however, that Wilson was so overcome with smoke that he became unconscious shortly after he effected the rescue, and it was not until yesterday that he was able to leave his home. It is also a fact that the two women would very likely have died from suffocation if they had not been rescued by Wilson.

The building was owned by J. J. Doyle and the loss was in the neighborhood of \$100. The good work applied for by the engine company No. 27, resulted in the prevention of

RED LINE IS AFTER NEW ROUTE

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cities of Hammond and East Chicago car service to the Standard Steel car plant.

SERVICE TO HARBOR.

From East Chicago it is proposed to build from Forsythe avenue in an easterly direction on One Hundred and Forty-first street to Michigan avenue and thence on Michigan and Watling avenues to the Lake Shore depot where a loop would be made around a block.

Hammond at present has no direct connection with the growing and prosperous city of Indiana Harbor. In order to go to Indiana Harbor now it is necessary to change cars at East Chicago and the service is so uncertain that there is a great deal of time lost in making the change.

WHAT WILL BE POSSIBLE.

With the plan that the Hammond, Whiting & East Chicago line has adopted it will be possible to get on a car any where from the Standard district to the corners of State and Hohman and go to Indiana Harbor without a change and for a five cent fare. It would do more to unite the cities of Hammond, East Chicago and Indiana Harbor than any one thing.

Manager Green said today, "The Hammond, Whiting & East Chicago Electric Railway company is now ready to do business. Our company has applied for a franchise in Hammond and will soon apply for a franchise in East Chicago. It is our purpose to establish service between Hammond and Indiana Harbor as soon as possible."

Y. M. C. A. BODY TO BE PERFECTED

Next Tuesday evening in the assembly hall of the Jefferson school, the Gary organization of the Young Men's Christian association will be formed, ready to take an active part in the Y. M. C. A. work in this city during the coming year. Two hundred invitations have been sent out by State Secretary Stanley of Indianapolis, asking the leading men of the city to be present and assist in the organization.

At this meeting Mr. Stacey will present and outline the work which the local branch will be able to accomplish during the coming year. Although the organization will be perfected at this meeting it is not known whether there will be an election of officers. The beginning of activities in Y. M. C. A. circles in this city is preparatory to the construction in the spring of the new \$100,000 building, the funds for which have been donated by Judge Elbert H. Gary.

The letter of State Secretary Stacey is as follows:

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 3, 1910.

Dear Sir: The magnificent gift of Judge Elbert H. Gary of \$100,000 for a Young Men's Christian association in the new Indiana "steel city" which adopted his name, together with the setting aside by the Gary Land company of an admirable site, makes possible a plant for association purposes such as was never before known in any town so young in any industrial community outside the large centers.

Judge Gary has recently chosen the general plan for the building from among sketches submitted by several different architects of Chicago and New York, and we now plan to organize the local association at Gary, first incorporating it under the Indiana laws, and you are hereby invited to be one of the incorporators, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1910, in the assembly room of the Jefferson school.

There is probably no association in North America in whose early history so much interest was manifested as there is in this one, and it will be a source of gratification to any man to look back to his participation in its creation. I shall be glad to have your early assurance that you will be on hand. We expect to have present several association visitors and to have some short talks in addition to the necessary formalities of the evening.

Congratulating the citizens of Gary upon this splendid development, I am

Yours respectfully,
EUGENE E. STACY,
State Secretary.

TITLE COMPANY CONFIRMS STORY OF THEIR LOCATION

As told in the columns of THE TIMES last Thursday, the Chicago Title and Trust company, a \$6,500,000 corporation, will invade Gary during the next month and locate a branch here.

The new company will be known as the Gary Title and Abstract company, and will be incorporated under the state laws and capitalized at \$50,000.

The company, whose business transactions are known all over the United States, intends to do an extensive business here and have invaded the Lake county territory knowing its future importance and will do business on an extensive scale.

A. R. Marriott, vice president of the Chicago Title and Trust company, was a visitor at THE TIMES office yesterday afternoon and gave out the information that the Gary Title and Abstract company would be ready for business by the 1st of February this year.

"We have expended over \$25,000," said Mr. Marriott, in making our books at Crown Point during the past year and intend when established to reach out after the business. We consider the Lake county field one of greatest importance and its future is destined to be as great as that of Chicago. Two sets of books will be kept, one at Gary and one at Crown Point."

Yesterday negotiations were closed by J. H. Cooley of Gary, representing the Chicago Title and Trust company and the First National bank, for a nine year lease on the former Calumet and Savings company room in the Burge-Warner building. The rental will be \$1,500 per year. The management of the local office will be in charge of David Money, a director of the Chicago Title and Trust company. The officers and directors of the Gary Title and Abstract company are as follows:

A. R. Marriott—President.
David Money—Manager.

Directors—Harrison B. Riley, president of the Chicago Title and Trust company; A. R. Marriott, vice president of the Chicago Title and Trust

company; D. B. Lyman, former president of the Chicago Title and Trust company; David Money, a director of the Chicago Title and Trust company; George E. Rickards, formerly president of the Security Title and Trust company, but now prominently identified with the Chicago Title and Trust company.

During the past year the Chicago Title and Trust company has had a large force of men employed at the county recorder's office making a complete set of abstracts for the firm. At first it was thought they would be used for the Chicago offices, but it later developed that they would locate in Lake county. The books are now nearly completed and the company will be ready for business about the first of February. Separate and distinct offices will be operated, one at Gary and one at Crown Point. The manager of the Crown Point office has not as yet been named.

The reason of locating the main office in Gary, according to President Marriott, is because this city is easily reached by railroad and interurban by all the surrounding cities, including Hammond, Whiting, East Chicago, Indiana Harbor, Hobart, Miller and Tolleston.

The location of the office at Gary will be a great boon to the lawyers and real estate men of the surrounding cities, who will be welcome to come to the local office where they can have free access to the indices and plats in order to ascertain the ownership of property and judgments filed any person with whom they are dealing. This alone will save the real estate man and lawyer a day's trip to Crown Point what in Gary can be accomplished in a few minutes.

Another feature of the concern will be to establish a free messenger service between Gary and the county seat. The company will be glad to serve any lawyer or real estate dealer or any person interested in the way of filing deeds and other papers with the recorder at Crown Point.

E. CHICAGO HAS SOCIAL EVENT

Mrs. August Johnson Gives New Year's Reception For The Reading Club.

East Chicago, Ind., Jan. 5.—The fashionable event of the year in club life in this city took place yesterday, when Mrs. August Johnson's handsome residence was thrown open for the New Year's reception of the Tuesday Reading club. The function was the largest and most brilliant ever given by the reading club and was an altogether enjoyable, as well as a very elegant affair.

The reading club had invited 125 guests to participate with the members in the function, which has grown to be an annual one with it, and even the blustery day failed to have the effect of keeping any perceptible number indoors. The large company had been invited for different hours, part of the guests being asked for from 2 to 3 o'clock some from 3 to 4, and the remainder 4 to 5 o'clock. Aside from the fact that a delayed train caused the orchestra to be an hour late, the earlier guests missing this feature of the event altogether, there was nothing that could have been desired, which was wanting to make the reception an unqualified success in every particular. Even in this emergency there were club members who could provide music, which they did during the interval before the orchestra arrived. The latter included a harp and violin, and rendered delightful music throughout all but the first hour of the reception.

The Johnson home had been decorated with pink carnations and ferns and was aglow with light and warmth, so that the guests within the increasing inclemency of the weather as the afternoon wore on, was not apparent. The receiving line, which was composed of Mrs. Johnson and the members of the advisory board of the Reading club, was a brilliant one, each of the ladies, who composed it, being handsomely gowned and looking her best. The gracious hostess herself was attired in one of the new shades of blue, her gown being fashioned of messaline, trimmed with braid in its own color, and with lack neck and sleeves. Mrs. William Meade, the president of the club, who

stood next to Mrs. Johnson in the receiving line, wore gray messaline, and Mrs. H. H. Clark's gown was of the same material and similar in hue to that of Mrs. Meade. Mrs. Charles Fichter, the club's secretary, was not present, having not yet returned from her Christmas outing. Mrs. John A. Patterson, the reading club's treasurer, wore an smashing satin sheath gown, trimmed with buttons covered with the same material as the gown itself was fashioned of and with a lace yoke. Mrs. E. V. Walton wore rose pink messaline, and Mrs. James Stone gray cloth, while Mrs. William Pulling was attired in a very attractive gown of light green silk.

The guests were admitted and waited upon by Mrs. Grace Loucks, who wore a white cloth princess gown, and in the dining room Mrs. W. R. Diamond, wearing a plum colored cloth gown, poured. The serving committee was composed of Mrs. William Jones, chairman, and Mesdames Hiner Reese Wilfams, T. E. Williams, A. A. Ross, M. A. P. Brown, A. Lewis, E. N. Canine and Miss Schmidt. Mrs. Canine was wearing a gown of blue messaline.

Mrs. Gwilyn Jones and Mrs. Ed. Jacobs were chairmen jointly of the afternoon, and their efficient management, coupled with the able assistance rendered by Mrs. William Meade, the president, had much to do with the success of the afternoon.

The refreshments were very dainty and carved out the cozy scheme used in the decorations, and the service by the ladies on the serving committee was a marvel of smoothness and dispatch. Unlike some of these events, the women who served in the dining room and who otherwise actively assisted managed to have as good a time as the guests themselves, and on the whole there was not a moment that was not most thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

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